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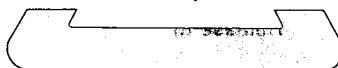
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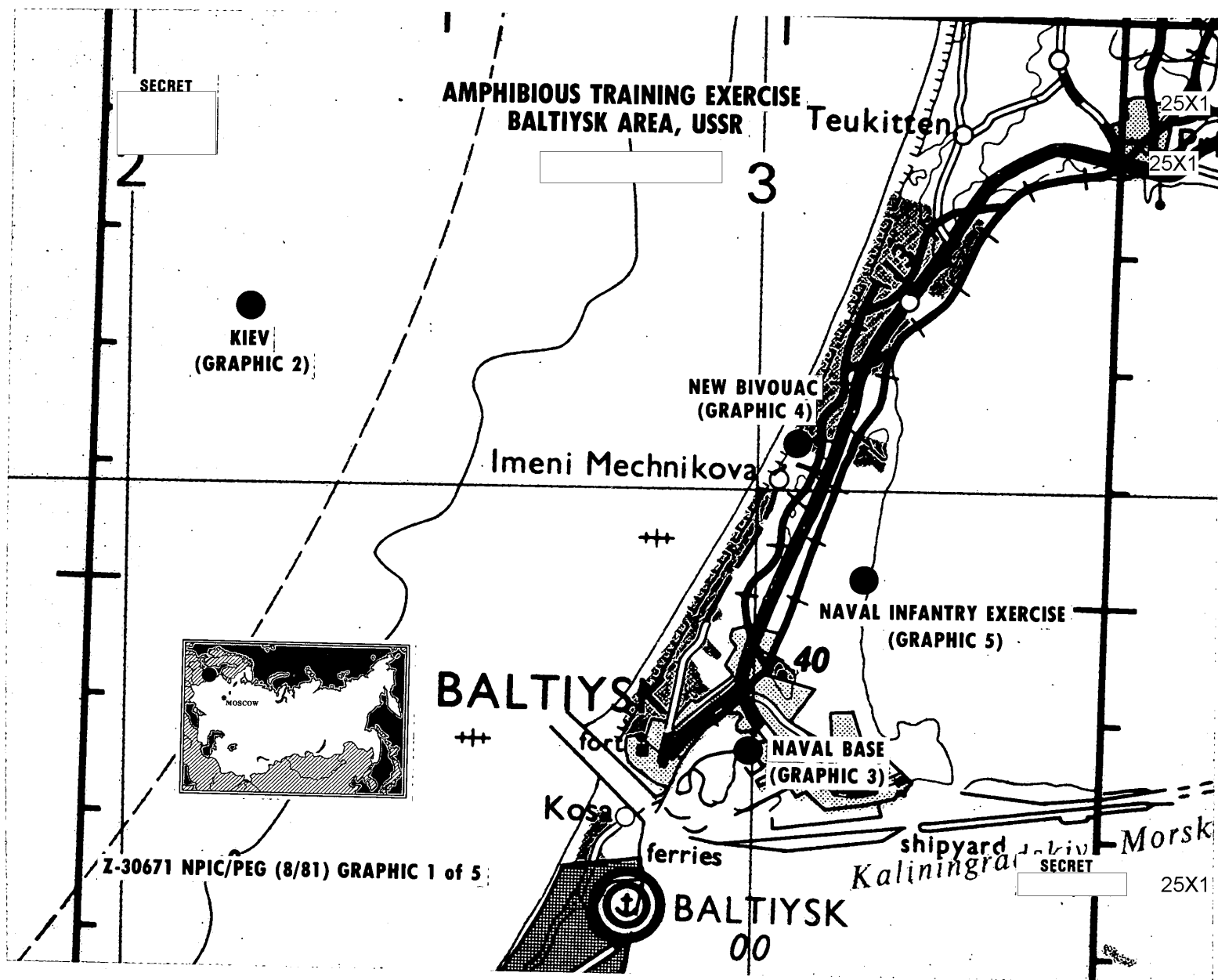
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**AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING EXERCISE**  
**BALTIYSK AREA, USSR**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A LARGE SCALE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING EXERCISE INVOLVING ELEMENTS OF SOVIET AIR, GROUND, AND NAVAL FORCES.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THERE IS A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE BALTIYSK AREA (GRAPHIC 1 OF 5). THIS ACTIVITY PROBABLY IS IN PREPARATION FOR AN UPCOMING LARGE-SCALE EXERCISE WHICH WILL INVOLVE ELEMENTS OF SOVIET AIR, GROUND, AND NAVAL FORCES. OPERATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY INCLUDE THE ARRIVAL OF THE KIEV CVHG (GUIDED MISSILE V/STOL AIRCRAFT CARRIER) WITH ITS ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT, AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AMPHIBIOUS LANDING-CRAFT AS WELL AS NAVAL INFANTRY TRAINING.

THE KIEV CVHG IS APPROXIMATELY 5 NM NORTHWEST OF BALTIYSK NAVAL BASE [REDACTED] AT 54-42-17N 019-47-25E (GRAPHIC 2 OF 5). FOUR FORGER (NAVAL VTOL AIRCRAFT) AND FOUR HORMONE ARE ON THE FLIGHTDECK. A UDA AOR (REPLENISHMENT OILER) IS MOORED STERN TO STERN WITH THE KIEV CVHG PROBABLY FOR REPLENISHMENT PURPOSES. THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN DEPLOYMENT OF THE KIEV CVHG TO THE BALTIC FLEET AREA. THE KIEV CVHG WILL PROBABLY SERVE AS THE COMMAND AND CONTROL PLATFORM FOR THE IMPENDING EXERCISE.

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EIGHT POLNOCNY LSM (MEDIUM AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT LANDING SHIP) ARE INVOLVED IN A BEACHING EXERCISE IN THE KALININGRADSKIY MORSKOY KANAL SECTION OF THE NAVAL BASE (GRAPHIC 3 OF 5). TWO POLNOCNY LSM ARE BEACHED AT THE EAST AIR CUSHION VEHICLE (ACV) RAMP AND THREE ADDITIONAL LSM ARE APPROACHING THE RAMP. AT THE WEST ACV RAMP, ONE POLNOCNY LSM IS BEACHED AND TWO MORE ARE APPROACHING. NO TROOPS OR AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE VEHICLES ARE AT EITHER ACV RAMP.

THE AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE FORCE NOW INCLUDES SIX ALLIGATOR LST (AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE LANDING SHIP) (NOT ON GRAPHIC) FOUR ROPUCHA LST, 17 POLNOCNY LSM (8 ON GRAPHIC), SEVEN AIST LCUA (UTILITY LANDING CRAFT AIR CUSHION) (6 ON GRAPHIC), FOUR LEBED LCMA (MEDIUM LANDING CRAFT AIR CUSHION) (3 ON GRAPHIC), AND 11 GUS LCPA (PERSONNEL LANDING CRAFT AIR CUSHION).

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A NEW BIVOUAC HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN AN OPEN AREA BETWEEN BALTIYSK NAVAL INFANTRY INSTALLATION [REDACTED] AND BALTIYSK ARMY BARRACKS NOYKHUYZER AL 3 [REDACTED] (NOT ON GRAPHIC) [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 4 OF 5). UNITS INCLUDE ONE MEDIUM TANK BATTALION (BN), ONE MEDIUM TANK COMPANY, TWO BTR-60PB-EQUIPPED MOTORIZED RIFLE/NAVAL INFANTRY BN, AND TWO 122MM SELF-PROPELLED (SP) HOWITZER M-1974 BN. EIGHTY-ONE SMALL TENTS AND 26 LARGE TENTS ARE IN THE BIVOUAC. A FENCE IS ALONG ONE EDGE OF THE VEHICLE PARK OF THE BIVOUAC INDICATING THAT THIS UNIT MAY BE HERE PERMANENTLY.

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A BTR-60PB APC-EQUIPPED NAVAL INFANTRY BN IS PROBABLY ENGAGING IN A SWIMMING EXERCISE JUST NORTH OF THE BALTIYSK NAVAL INFANTRY INSTALLATION (GRAPHIC 5 OF 5). THE BN IS NEAR THE WATER'S EDGE; HALF OF THE BN IS PROBABLY PREPARING TO ENTER THE WATER AND THE OTHER HALF HAS PROBABLY JUST LEFT THE WATER.

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